MHT #FHD-1277
140 B&O Avenue
Built around 1930
Frederick, Frederick County, Maryland
Demolished

Brief Description

Before it was demolished in 1996, this bungalow stood at the west end of B&O Avenue. It was built in the 1930s on the site of an much earlier dwelling, 138 B&O Avenue. Unlike the building it replaced, as well as all of the other dwellings on B&O Avenue, it was not aligned toward the railroad tracks, but was set at an angle facing west. It also differed from its neighbors stylistically. Although it was built in a neighborhood of two-story nineteenth-century vernacular dwellings, its design reflected the period in which it was built. Its low sweeping roof, open-room plan, and details, such as exposed rafter tails and battered porch posts, reflected the popular bungalow style that was becoming increasingly common in middle-class areas across the nation.

Summary Statement of Significance

This dwelling was located within the Frederick Historic District. It was representative of working-class dwellings of the early twentieth century. Before its demolition, however, it had deteriorated and retained low integrity

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. FHD-1277
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1. Name	(indicate preferred	l name)		
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and/or common				
2. Locati	on			
street & number	140 B&O Avenue			not for publication
city, town Freder	ick	vicinity of	congressional district	
state Mary	land		Frederick	
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4. Owner	of Property	(give names and r	mailing addresses o	f <u>all</u> owners)
name City of F	rederick			
street & number	101 North Court Street		telephone no	.:
city, town Freder	rick	stat	e and zip code Mary	land 21701
5. Location	on of Legal D	escription		
courthouse, registi	ry of deeds, etc. Frede	rick County Court House	:	liber 2082
street & number	100 West Patrick Street			folio 1272
city, town Fred	lerick		state N	Maryland
6. Repres	sentation in E	xisting Histor	rical Surveys	
title Standing S	Structures Report, East Str			nd
date May 198	31		federal	_statecountylocal
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city, town Cro	wnsville		sta	ate Maryland

7. Description			Survey No. FHD 1277			
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Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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This one-and-one-half-story gable-roofed bungalow was built of seven-course-American-bond brick and rested on a low concrete-block foundation. Its side-gabled roof extended over a three-bay front porch. The roof was covered with sheet asphalt and the remnants of diamond-shaped composition shingles. A brick flue rose from the west slope of the roof, near the south end of the building.

On its three-bay west front, one window was boarded over, but the exposed double window in the third bay was a six-over-one double sash window with a wood surround. The central front door had a four-panel wood door with a fixed-light transom. The three-bay front porch had a shed roof with exposed rafter tails and was supported on battered wood posts on brick piers. The porch rail that ran between the piers was concrete-block, capped with brick. An opening in this rail, between the center two posts, had four steps down to the ground level.

All of the windows on the asymmetrically fenestrated north and south elevations were boarded over, as were those on the east rear elevation, which was completely obscured by vegetation.

Although there was no interior access to this vacant building, its main room was visible through its front window. The main room at the west front of the dwelling had a stair on its north wall, leading to the upper half story. Two doors on the east wall of the room accessed the rear rooms.

8. Significance Survey No. FHD 1277					
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This bungalow was built in the 1930s on the site of an earlier dwelling, 138 B&O Avenue. The dwelling at 138 B&O Avenue, which faced the railroad tracks was demolished around 1929. Its occupants were listed in a 1928-29 city directory, but by 1930, the dwelling had been demolished, and its lot was shown as vacant on the 1930 Sanborn map. This

bungalow was likely built soon thereafter.

According to Bertha Kennedy, who grew up in the neighborhood, the bungalow was built by the nearby Monocacy Valley Canning Company and was occupied by the factory time keeper. Its association with the factory explains its orientation oward the remaining factory building, rather than the railroad tracks. The Monocacy Valley Canning Company was one of three canneries that operated in the early twentieth century in the vicinity of the B&O Railroad tracks. These factories provided steady employment for some of the men who resided in the area, and at corn harvest time, women and children in the neighborhood earned extra money working long hours to process the corn for canning. Although the cannery is no longer in operation, its main building survives and is now used by the General Tire Company.

City directories indicate that the bungalow was vacant at times in the 1940s and 1950s, but Bertha Kennedy recalls that a Mr. Chew resided in the house before it was finally boarded up. After being vacant for a number of years, the building was demolished in 1996.

9. Major Bibliographical Reference Survey No. FHD 7 1277

Kennedy, Bertha. Personal Communication, August 1996.

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Sanborn Map Company. Fire Insurance Map of Frederick. New York, New York, 1930.

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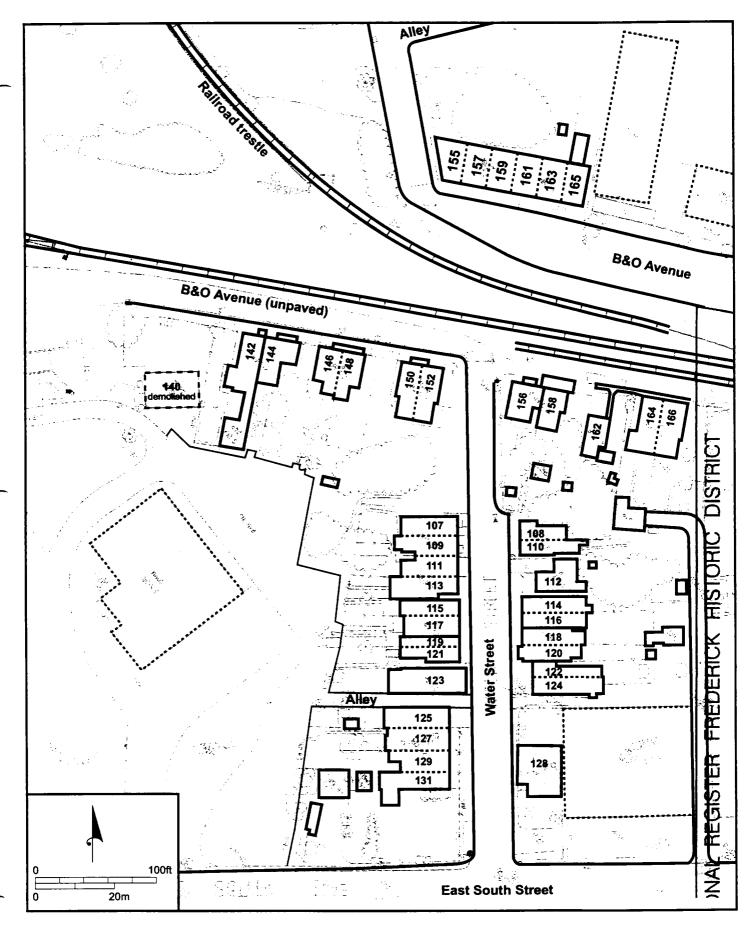
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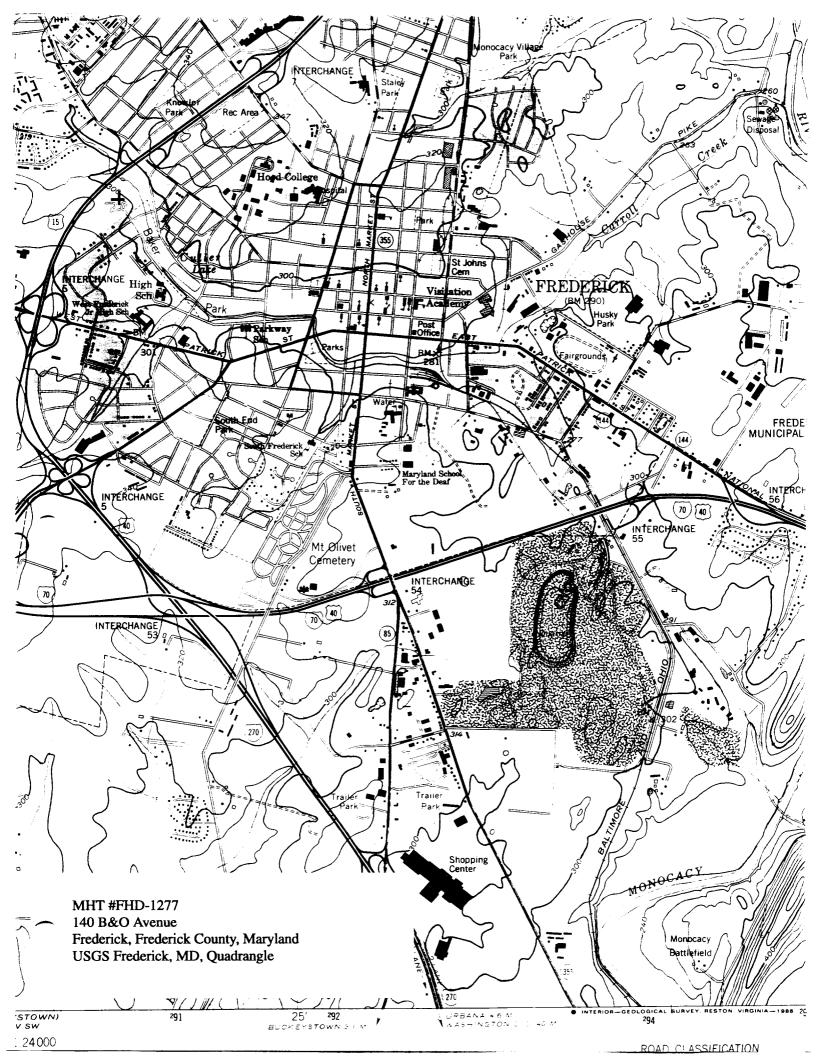
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Date	Transaction	Property description	Reference
1960	City Directory: no listing	140 B&O Avenue	Polk 1960
1955	City Directory: no listing	140 B&O Avenue	Polk 1955
1950	City Directory: vacant	140 B&O Avenue	Polk 1950
1946	City Directory: vacant	140 B&O Avenue	Polk 1946
1940-41	City Directory: Charles Keith; Bernard Keith, laborer	140 B&O Avenue	Polk 1940-41



Resource Sketch Map MHT #FHD-1277 140 B&O Avenue Frederick, Frederick County, Maryland





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